

## EARTH DAY

SPECIAL EDITION

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Don't Forget! April 22nd is Earth Day

## Here's What I Can Do In My Local Community For Earth Day

Help to clean up our environment! Litter, illegal dumping and vandalism can make neighborhoods, schools, and businesses look messy and unsafe. But you can help!

Are you part of a group like Cub Scouts, Brownies, a church youth group, a youth club or a sports team?

Organize an event to remove litter, clean up a park, or get involved in painting programs, graffiti removal or river and lake shore clean-ups.

It's easy to organize it on your own, or you can participate in the national Keep America Beautiful Great Ameri-

can Cleanup™ campaign that occurs each year from March to May. You can go online to check out our website at [www.kansasdontspoilit.com](http://www.kansasdontspoilit.com) for a link to Keep Kansas Beautiful for more information.

Everyone can help make neighborhoods and communities more beautiful, safer and healthier places to live.

Even if you're not part of a group effort, you can help! Pick up after yourself... and others. See trash lying around the neighborhood? Do a good deed and pick it up. Keep a litterbag in your car. Kansas Kids Can says THANKS for "trashing the trash!"

## Here's What I Can Do In My School For Earth Day

- Draw a picture of anything having to do with Reducing, Recycling, or Reusing in Kansas. Collect the pictures and send them to us!
- Reuse the other side of your paper when possible.
- When your teacher or school sends notes home to your parents, use the other side for scratch paper at home.
- Ask your principal if your school can start a composting project.
- Save your birthday, Christmas, and Valentine's Day cards. Bring them to school and cut out the pictures that you like. Glue them to recycled paper and make NEW cards for Senior Citizens.
- Bring lunch to school in a reusable container instead of a paper bag.

## KANSAS KIDS ASK



**How do I start a compost site in my backyard?**

**- Jake  
Age 9**

### Great question, Jake!

Thanks for your interest in composting. If you log on to [www.kansasdontspoilit.com](http://www.kansasdontspoilit.com), you will find lots of information for building your own compost pile.

Send us a picture when you get it built, and we'll put it in a *Kansas Kids Can* issue!



## Here's What I Can Do In My House For Earth Day

Set up your own recycling center! Here's how:

Get three brown paper bags.

Get a black magic marker.

Write on the first brown paper bag **NEWSPAPER**.

Write on the second brown paper bag **PLASTIC**.

Write on the third brown paper bag **ALUMINUM CANS**.

Set the three bags together so that the labels are facing out and everyone in your family can see them.

Each time you get ready to throw one of these items away, remember to put it in the brown bag marked with the name of that item.

When your bags get full, ask your Mom or Dad to take you to the nearest drop off recycling center and leave your recycled items there.

When you get home, get 3 more paper bags, label them again, and keep up the **HABIT OF RECYCLING!!!**

Send us a picture of your Recycling Center.

Mail it to:

**KDHE**  
Bureau of Waste Management  
Attn: Kansas Kids Can  
1000 SW Jackson, Suite 320  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

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# CRACK CODE

## THE CODE TOP SECRET

Decode

these secret messages.

These are all helpful hints for things you can do in your home to reduce, reuse, and recycle.

**A = i** • Don't **PQVMX JUUO** ( )

**B = q** by taking more than you will **XQM** ( ).

**C = v**

**D = k** • Use **ZXIVQTWX NWQMXV**

**E = z** ( ) and

**F = g** **KINV** ( ) at picnics.

**G = j**

**H = x** • **ZXIVX** ( ) bags instead of

**I = u** **MSZUPAYF** ( ) them

**J = f** **QPQL** ( ).

**K = c**

**L = y** • **VSQZX** ( ) your old

**M = t** **RQFQEAYXV** ( ) with

**N = p** friends.

**O = d**

**P = w** • Try to buy items that are

**Q = a** **ZXKLKWQTWX** ( ) in

**R = m** your **KURRIYAML** ( ).

**S = h**

**T = b** • **TIL NZUOIKMV** ( )

**U = o** that are made with

**V = s** **ZXKLKWXO** ( ) materials.

**W = l**

**X = e** • Learn about different types

**Y = n** of **KURNUVMAYF** ( ).

**Z = r**



# HIDDEN

Look across, up, and down to find words in the word box.

N	P	O	P	W	A	S	H	T	A	M	I
P	A	C	K	A	G	I	N	G	M	O	T
W	H	O	C	S	A	M	A	S	I	N	G
T	E	M	I	T	U	P	W	A	M	R	S
J	U	P	B	E	I	R	T	O	X	I	C
A	M	O	E	F	L	Y	I	B	T	U	N
R	E	S	O	U	R	C	E	S	P	M	I
E	K	T	C	S	W	O	T	R	A	O	C
C	M	I	H	P	V	N	U	C	P	A	R
Y	T	N	M	O	G	S	D	U	E	C	K
C	O	G	R	D	B	E	N	E	R	G	Y
L	A	N	C	K	W	R	D	R	E	K	C
A	B	F	W	U	R	V	T	T	W	S	L
B	O	L	M	N	S	E	P	L	E	S	T
L	A	Y	F	K	I	C	A	N	S	K	I
E	R	S	L	A	N	D	F	I	L	L	B
P	R	O	D	U	C	T	S	A	N	P	E

Waste

Resources

Conserve

Products

Recyclable

Composting

Landfill

Toxic

Packaging

Energy

Paper

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YOU can make a difference on Earth Day! Take care of our environment in Kansas! Remember to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

**Fun Fact**



Make everyday EARTH DAY! Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle!

## KANSAS KIDS SAY



I know a lot of people that don't recycle their newspapers, pop cans, and plastic bottles. All those things can be recycled or reused to help Kansas."

- Molly  
Age 9

## SURVEY SAYS...

Your favorite food for lunch is **POPCORN CHICKEN!!!**

Thank you to ALL of you that sent us emails, or wrote to us about your favorite school lunch.

Other top favorite school lunches were:  
Hotdogs  
Cheeseburgers  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Chicken and Noodles

Kaylee wrote in her email to us, "I still like my Mom's cooking best!"

And Kara sent us this email message:

"My favorite lunch at school is cheese pizza. My favorite dessert is cinnamon rolls. I only wish they served them on the same day!"



Kansas Kids can is printed on paper that can be recycled.



# TALK BACK

Send us a picture or an email about what your community is doing for Earth Day.

Or just send your quotes, comments and other pictures. We love to hear from you and will use as many of your contributions in upcoming issues of *Kansas Kids Can*.

Email us at [kcc@kdhe.state.ks.us](mailto:kcc@kdhe.state.ks.us)

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The first Earth Day event was held on April 22nd, 1970.

**Fun Fact**



# RecycleD Scramble

Unscramble the following words using the clues provided. What items do you recycle at home? If you don't recycle them, what do you do with them?

**PSUO SNGA:**

Anything made from the metal used in these already has at least 25% recycled content.

**SGARS:**

If you leave it on the ground instead of bagging it and throwing it away, it can actually make your lawn greener and healthier.

**DONS TTLEBO:**

This plastic product can be ground up into small pieces and made into soft fabric used in sweaters, jackets, longjohns and gloves.

**RPPAG:**

Many different kinds can be recycled from your parents' offices and your home.

**SHCIRA:**

These and other pieces of furniture can be given to someone else if you don't want them anymore.

**TSALCOH:**

When you are through with them, you can tear them up into rags for cleaning, use them for play, or even make a quilt.

**GESA:**

Whether plastic or paper, you can use them again until they fall apart. Then they can often be recycled!

# KANSAS DON'T SPOIL IT!

*Kansas Kids Can* is published 4 times a year for 4th grade students throughout the state of Kansas.

*Kansas Kids Can* is the creation of the Kansas Don't Spoil It Program, a program of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. *Kansas Don't Spoil It* is an awareness and education program created to encourage Kansans to reduce, reuse and recycle waste and keep our state in a beautiful condition.

Material in this newsletter is also available on the web at [www.kansasdontspoilit.com](http://www.kansasdontspoilit.com). To order the *Kansas Kids Can* newsletter, submit writings or request additional information, write to:

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# KANSAS KIDS DRAW

I took a survey of all the kids in my class. I asked who wanted to live in the house in my drawing. It came out 18 people would rather live in the good place. The nuts in our class chose the bad place.

- Brooke



# DID YOU KNOW?

The United States produces half of the world's garbage!

In 1960, modern paper recycling in the U.S. was born when the Rittenhouse family near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania established the first paper mill. The paper at this mill was made from recycled rags!

People in the United States throw away 40 million tons of paper per year that can be recycled!

Each ton of recycled paper can save

17 trees, 380 gallons of oil and 7,000 gallons of water!

One tree can filter up to 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year!

Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to run a TV set for three hours or to light a 100-watt bulb for 3 and 1/2 hours!

In a lifetime, each adult will leave about 90,000 pounds of trash for his or her children!



**Fun Fact**

Today, Earth Day is a worldwide event that emphasizes the need to preserve the Earth and its precious natural resources.